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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 28, 2002, the time for responding having been extended under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for ONE month up to and including October 28, 2002. Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for extension of time for ONE month.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 28, 2002, Applicants elect without traverse the invention of Group II, Claims 6-10 and 13, which are drawn to polypeptides.

Regarding the election of species requirement, Applicants elect for the purpose of examination the human polypeptide species: SEQ ID NO: 2 (polypeptide) and SEQ ID NO: 1 (nucleic acid encoding SEQ ID NO: 2), which are drawn to molecules derived from human.

Upon the entry of the preliminary amendment:

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01 FC:1202 54.00 CH Claims readable on this elected species are Claims 23-25, 29-34, 38, 40-45, 48-54 and 57-63;

- Claims 18-21, 35, 36, 46 and 47 are generic, as they are drawn to polypeptides that are at least 80% identical in amino acid sequence to the human (elected, SEQ ID NO: 2) polypeptide; and

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